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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the references set forth in the attached modified form PTO-1449. The cited reference was only recently brought to the undersigned's attention by the German representative of the applicant. No inference should be made that the cited references are in fact material, are in fact prior art, or that no better art exists.

It is requested that the Examiner fully consider the cited reference and that it be cited on the front of any patent issuing from this application.

A copy of the cited reference is attached.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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